

## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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To the Assistant Commissioner For Patents:

Transmitted herewith is an **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A** in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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           No additional claims fee is due.

  X   A check in the amount of \$ 102.00 is enclosed for the additional claims fee due.

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  X   Applicants hereby request any additional extensions of time that may be necessary and authorize the extension of time fees to be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

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I hereby certify that these **AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (x2); and PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A; and 37 CFR 1.97(b)(3) INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT; FORM PTO-1449 and REFERENCES** in connection with U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/978,599 are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C., 20231 on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2002.

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